

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire February 28, 2005.

Claims 1-20 pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-7, 19 and 20 are allowed, Claims 8, 9 and 14 are rejected, and Claims 10-13 and 15-18 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but are otherwise indicated as being allowable.

In the current paper, Claims 8, 9, and 14 are canceled, thereby obviating the rejections directed to these claims, and Claims 10 and 15 are amended to include the subject matter of canceled Claims 8 and 14, respectively, thereby placing Claims 10-13 and 15-18 in condition for allowance. No new matter is entered. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 15-20 are pending in the present Application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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